

# 'Round the Riviera

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Double congratulations are in order this week for Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Seaborn, 221 Calle de Madrid, on the occasion of their double blessing of twin girls, born to her Tuesday, Oct. 28. San Pedro Community Hospital gets the honor of being the place of birth. The time was approximately 7 p.m. The Seaborns have named their girls Sandra Lee and Susan Marie, and for those who like statistics, they weighed 5 lbs. and 14 oz. and 5 lbs. 13 oz. respectively, at birth. They will join Sharon, 9, and Freddie, 5, to make the family a cozy quintet.

The occasion of the birth of twins to the Seaborns as reported above, brought a question to our minds. Just how many sets of twins could there be in the Riviera? We ran a quick survey last week and came up with a total count of nine.

The phone number is in the heading of this column.

Pat and Ernie Russell, 213 Calle de Madrid, were dinner guests of Lieut. and Mrs. Howard Webb, 217 Calle de Madrid, last Tuesday, Oct. 28, aboard the navy cruiser USS Rochester. Lieut. Webb's ship is currently anchored off the Terminal Island Navy Base. After dinner in the ship's wardroom, the foursome took in the evening movies aboard and later toured the ship.

Lieut. and Mrs. Webb moved to their Riviera home just three months ago from San Diego, where he had been stationed at the Naval Air Station North Island.

Little Kathleen Russell, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Russell, 215 Calle de Madrid, was the guest last Nov. 4 on the Betty White television program.

Mrs. Winnie Baldwin, 139 Paseo de Granada, this year's chairman of the upper Riviera Community Chest drive, reports that she needs extra helpers to cover her district. Down in lower Riviera, Mrs. Virginia Robbins, 135 Paseo de Gracia, announces that while her district is fairly well covered with regular helpers, she is in need of extra helpers to fill in should any emergency arise. Her forces are spread thin through the district and if illness or unforeseen emergencies arise, she will not be able to cover all the homes "down in the valley." Those in upper Riviera who would like to do their share in this worthwhile drive can call Mrs. Baldwin at Frontier 5-3930; the lower Riviera phone number for Community Chest stands by is Frontier 5-2769.

Riviera residents were ready to toss tea off the end of Horse-shoe Pier but it didn't have to come to that. Those of us who live along Via Colusa suddenly found that our representation was apparently nil as far as Torrance Council was concerned. Without so much as a "by your leave," the city changed the name of Via Colusa to Via Portal. First inkling that the street name wasn't as the signs said was when Mrs. Robert J. Garvey, 128 Via Colusa, got her gas bill addressed to "128 Via Portal." Then Mrs. William Miller, 112 Via Colusa, received her sample ballot addressed "Via Portal," while her husband's ballot was addressed in the same old comfortable "Via Colusa" way. Phone inquiries revealed that the City Council had dreamed up the new street name and having thrown out Via Colusa, they officially informed gas

companies and the like that Via Portal was strictly the thing for folks living along that street.

William A. Mason, 204 Via Ciruela, penned an interesting letter concerning the change of name, pointing out that the change was made without consulting the people and that residents in such cases are entitled to a public hearing, without which no such change can be made. At next regular council meeting, Councilman Harvey Spelman, Jr. led the way to changing the name back to Via Colusa. A delegation representing the 54 families living along the street made impassioned appeals denouncing the change. We are happy to report that the change of name was short-lived; the name was promptly reverted to Via Colusa.

Hope you were one of the hundreds who enjoyed the Sportsmen's Club's Halloween party down at El Retiro Park last Friday night. If you were, you know what a pleasurable evening you had; if you weren't, you missed something really worthwhile. Among other things, the Sportsmen held contests for the best costumes in just about all age groups. Winners included Timo Pinkney in the 0 to 4 years old class, who was costumed as young Doctor Pinkney. Other 0 to 4 winners were Lavence and Elizabeth Palmer, identical twins who dressed as Dutch children, and Nancy Weber who looked just like a small witch right out of the fairy tales. In the 4 to 9 group, Mike Hutchinson won a prize dressed as a feather merchant, while young Robert Patrosky as a ghost also copped an award. Gerry Sue Paul and Anne Paul, who came as a Democratic donkey and a Republican elephant, also won awards in this 4 to

9 group. The last, and rather encompassing age grouping of 9 to 99, found Sue Stone a winner with her mummy outfit. Other winners in this grouping were Virginia Schipper as an Indian maid, John Lyon as a hobo, and Frank Reynolds, who was outfitted as a bum.

After the awards, the kids all received their bag with peanuts, candy, and a favor, and the whole group repaired to the clubhouse for refreshments. It was a large evening, replete with bonfire and good cheer; all treat and no tricks.

Speaking of the Sportsmen's Halloween party, the club reports that seven new members joined the club on that evening. All these good works evidently impressed some of the Riviera men into helping to do their share of youth work in the neighborhood. The Sportsmen add that their next meeting is slated for Thursday, Nov. 6, at 8 p.m. That's tonight, so make a date for it. All Riviera men are more than cordially invited to attend.

An invitation to join the Bicycle Club of the Institute of America was extended this week to the youth of Riviera through Mrs. Frances Dowling, safety chairman of the Hollywood Riviera PTA. The first meeting is scheduled for Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. at El Retiro Park clubhouse. There's movies on the program as well as a representative of the Torrance Police Dept. as speaker. Booklets on "Bicycle Safety" will be distributed to all attending this first meeting. Mrs. Dowling added that parents are also invited and there is no admission charge, of course.

Elected to the chairmanship

of the Riviera Little League at its last meeting was Douglas M. Hawkins, 145 Paseo de Gracia. He will oversee the formation and growth of our local Little League ball club whose background we reported on in a recent column. Into the chairmanship of the finance committee and the equipment committee were elected Mr. J. A. Gates and Mr. J. T. Garvey respectively. Engineer advisor will be Leo Scott, 146 Calle de Andaluca. Douglas Moir, 249 Via Ciruela, who has been active in the Little League for some time, points out that men who are experienced and trained as baseball players are urgently needed by the Riviera Little League to supervise the training of our embryo ball players. He emphasized that this need for proper supervision and training transcends all other problems at this moment. Any such men who are experienced in baseball are urged to contact him at Frontier 5-4599 or call Chairman Hawkins at Frontier 5-3941.

## Two Pay Telephone Coin Boxes Looted by Yeggs

Pay telephone coin boxes took a beating Monday night as yeggs drilled through the locks and made off with the cash from two pay phones, according to police. The booths were located at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Hawthorne Ave., and at the Fish Shanty Restaurant, Ocean Ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy. Amount of money stolen was undetermined.

## 'Hasty Heart' Selected As Camino Fall Play

"The Hasty Heart," by John Patrick, which is "one of the 10 top plays of Broadway," according to Burnett Ferguson, theater arts instructor, has been selected as the Fall Play at El Camino College.

"The Hasty Heart," Mr. Ferguson said, "is a human, moving story about GI's of many nations who are brought together in a field hospital."

Rehearsals, under Mr. Ferguson's direction, are now under way, and most of the spots on the cast have been filled. Announcement of the full cast is to be made later.

## Worship Topic For Foursquare Church Listed

"Praying Through" will be Sunday morning worship topic presented by the Rev. Mrs. William Clayton at Foursquare Church. Service will begin at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday school will convene at 9:30 a.m. During the children's church, sound motion picture of "Haggar the Egyptian" will be shown.

Crusader Young People will meet at 6:15 p.m. with Diana Clayton in charge. Defender Group, with Mrs. Edward Busse in charge, and the Cadet Group, supervised by Mrs. Lillian Bender, will meet at the same hour.

The Rev. Mr. William H. Clayton will speak on "Wonderful Jesus" at the evening evangelistic service, to be held at 7:30 o'clock.

Prayer meeting will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Choir will practice Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

## State to Install Traffic Signals At 182nd Street

Bids for the installation of traffic control signals at the intersection of Hawthorne Ave. and 182nd St. will be received by the Division of Highways Nov. 17. It was reported to the Herald this week by Fred L. Everitt, district office engineer.

The traffic signal has been sought for more than a year by members of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assoc. and other groups and organizations who were concerned with the hazardous crossing.

Specifications call for the installation of a semi-traffic lighted signal system and highway lighting. Everitt said.

Work will probably be started on the project shortly after the awarding of the contract on the bids received Nov. 17.

## Richard J. Gazeley Now Serves in Korean Waters

Richard J. Gazeley, seaman USN, who entered the service in February, 1952, has been transferred to Korean waters, where he is serving aboard the destroyer USS Strong, the Navy announced today.

Gazeley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Gazeley, 2250 S. Vermont Ave.

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